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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 775
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tennessee native, Sam Brown, on receiving the prestigious 2000 Edward R. Murrow Regional Award for Investigative Reporting.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is honored to specially recognize news-persons who serve as the watchdogs of our society and make substantial contributions to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Sam Brown, a resident of Knoxville, is clearly one such outstanding reporter, who, as a result of his superb record of service, recently received the 2000 Edward R. Murrow Regional Award for Investigatory Reporting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown also received the 2000 Tennessee Associated Press Broadcaster's Award for Best Enterprise Reporting; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous other local, state, and national journalistic awards for investigative reporting and documentaries; and

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WHEREAS, born in Clarksville, Tennessee, this notable reporter received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and his Masters in Journalism from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has been a highly regarded weeknight anchor, investigative reporter, and documentary producer for television stations in Knoxville, Nashville, and Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, his hard-hitting documentaries have been fair and thought provoking; and

WHEREAS, he has also anchored well-received national radio newscasts for NBC News and WMAQ Radio, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has also had the rare honor of conducting many exclusive interviews with several United States presidents; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Knoxville native Joan Loveday Brown, and this loving couple has one son, Chris, who attends Bearden High School; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mr. Brown is a amateur radio operator, who has contacted every country in the world using Morse code and voice transmissions; and

WHEREAS, these special honors, having been saluted by his peers, is especially meaningful to Sam and this General Assembly would like to recognize his recent accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Sam Brown for his distinguished journalistic career and congratulate him on receiving the 2000 Edward R. Murrow Regional Award for Investigative Reporting and the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcaster's Award for Best Enterprise Reporting. On behalf of the countless Tennesseans who have benefited from his adroit reporting, we express our deepest appreciation to Mr. Brown and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.